

Fakers Dance Till Dawn at Jolly Mid-Lent Revel

Annual Costume Ball Gayest Affair of Year in Art Circles

3,500 on the Floor

Artists, Writers and Actors Attend Big Affair at the Biltmore

Sitting on window ledges of the upper floors of the Biltmore the Fakirs watched Saturday's dawn steal gently upon them. All night they had danced, bright atoms of color in the struggling mass of 3,500 mid-lent revellers, who made their annual costume ball the gayest artists' dance of the year.

In the great ballroom orange and black hangings, torn apart to let in the air, failed to banish the dancers. To the crashing music of two orchestras they danced until full daylight came.

In the supper room a band of Ha-

waiian boys, apparently exhausted earlier in the morning, found new life in the memories of Waikiki, aroused by a new hula, put on without warning by Peggy Rafferty, erstwhile of Murray's.

If there was an artist, a writer, an actor, or a recognized bohemian in New York on Friday night who was not present at the Fakirs' Ball his reputation is lost. Not only on the ballroom floor did weird and wonderful costumes appear, but every corner of the Biltmore rivalled the flower show in color.

Cobb in Blue Rompers
Irvin Cobb, this time his rompers blue instead of the dainty pink he has sported throughout the winter, smoked his unending cigar as he unfolded his limitless repertoire of stories; Fay Bainter, slender as "The Willow Tree," danced tirelessly among the tables, and William Randolph Hearst, devotee of roof gardens, paid an added fee for admission for appearing in regulation black and white instead of fanciful costume.

Clara Tice was in cloth of gold, her face and arms silken like a new radiator. Lubowska, Egyptian dancer, took one last fling before departing for South America. Hotel telephone operators, her transmitter hanging about her neck, her receiver dangling at the end of a long green cord, whirled through the dance in the arms of a Russian prince.

Julian Street, still looking for Southern atmosphere, and Mrs. Street, were present as the guests of his illustrator, Wallace Morgan. Neysa McKein stayed until the end, planning to reach home just in time to start another magazine cover, and Princeton's recent graduates, present in droves, decided that they would not leave before she did.

Others in Art's Melting Pot
Others in the seething melting pot of art, frequently called the Biltmore ballroom, were Ethel Plummer, Howard Chandler Christy, A. Fred Bradley, Jr., Herb Roth, Beulah Livingstone, Arvid Paulson, Peggy O'Neil, Rae Van Buren, Anna Weston, Tom Powers, Charlie and Olive Fells, Agnes de Montpelier, Dana Dustin, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Henri, Gerry Kelly, Irma Campbell, Lawton Campbell, Rolf Armstrong, Peggy Boland, Barbara Henley, Berton Bralley, Jessie Tarbox Beals, Maurice Louis Fancher, Paul and Daisy Thompson, Emil Fuchs, Cathleen Nesbitt, Simone D'Herly, Virginia Staunton, Paul Perez, Brock Pemberton, Lucille Patterson, Molly McIntyre, Mrs. H. H. Frazer and Benrimo.

The blue dawn of Saturday did not reflect in the feelings of the Fakirs. Already they are planning for next year's revel. Only Madison Square Garden will hold the crowd they plan to entertain.

Poles, Naked, Starve, Dr. Kahn Declares

Relief Worker Says Germans, Hungry Themselves, Have Abandoned War Victims

The shortage of food in Germany has made the people of that country turn their backs entirely upon the starving men, women and children in the "occupied districts" of Poland. The Kaiser's people are suffering. The Poles are starving to death.

Such was the information brought back yesterday by Dr. Bernard Kahn of the Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, who has been superintending the distribution of American Relief Funds in Poland and Lithuania.

Only a negligible quantity of food is sent from Germany into Poland, Dr. Kahn said, and this is sold at such exorbitant prices that the unhappy people cannot buy it. The shortage of clothing is another source of distress.

"In the city of Warsaw," Dr. Kahn remarked, "many adults are unable to venture on the streets because of the lack of covering for their bodies. They cannot, therefore, avail themselves even of the free soup which is dispensed by the relief kitchens. Hundreds of children are for the same reason prevented from going to school, and are thus deprived not only of instruction and a warm place in which to stay, but also must go without food, as meals are furnished in the school buildings."

Especially pitiful, the relief worker said, was the condition of the Jewish population. Worst among these are the refugees sent in from the fighting lines. Many of them, he said, are women with from one to five small children, whose husbands are in America. "It can be safely said," Dr. Kahn continued, "that 95 per cent of the sources of employment for Jews in Warsaw have been closed. Before the war the Jewish working population numbered about 130,000. Although many of these have left, there are practically none of those remaining who are able to earn anything whatsoever. Of late it has been necessary to turn hundreds of persons away from the soup kitchens empty handed, as there has not been enough food to begin to go around."

Ex-Senator Chandler Critically Ill at Home

Washington, March 17.—William E. Chandler, former United States Senator from New Hampshire and former Secretary of the Navy, is critically ill at his home here.

He caught cold on Inauguration Day. Mr. Chandler is eighty years old and his recovery is doubtful.

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(Corset Department, Second Floor)

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(Third Floor)

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